

**"TO DEFEND THE GOOD NAME OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE"**

# Cite Order's Campaign

## PENNSYLVANIA'S IMPACT ON THE ORDER

### Forty Eight Years A Grand Lodge

By A. Alfred Marcello

This year the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is observing its 48th anniversary. Actually, the Pennsylvania Order is more than 50 years old since the first Sons of Italy lodge in the Keystone State



MARCELLO  
in America.

was founded in Reading in 1909. It was not until four years later — April 1913 — that the Grand Lodge was formally instituted, becoming the third Grand Lodge to be organized in the Order Sons of Italy

In a sense the history of the Pennsylvania Order is basically the history of a number of other lodges in the Order. It is the story of early struggles of rugged pioneers who banded together to form

what is today the largest fraternal organization of its kind in the United States. It is the story



GRAND VENERABLE

Judge Eugene V. Alessandroni who has been at the helm of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge since he was first elected Grand Venerable in 1923.

of dedicated men; of unselfish devotion to a cause. And through the years this devotion has had a tremendous impact on thousands of Americans however their roots.

Since the early days the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge has provided inspired leadership, a leadership that has left its mark not only in the councils of the Pennsylvania Order but also in councils of the Supreme Lodge.

Out of Pennsylvania have come names to conjure with — the Di Silvestros, the Alessandronis, the Biagis, the Corteses, the Venturas, among others.

They have been leaders in every sense of the word and they have played an important part in building up the Order in Pennsylvania and practically every corner of the United States. And this they have done with devoted service, always mindful of the importance of the

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## Warm Praise For OSIA's Activities

Scores of letters commending the Order Sons of Italy in America for its work in "defending the good name of the Italian people," have been received by the Order's National Committee on Public Relations.

A number of these letters were sent by members of Congress. All stem from a report by the National Committee on Public Relations published in the May issue of OSIA NEWS. The Committee's report covered four pages of the May edition. The report pinpointed the activities of the Order since 1958 to change the unfavorable image of Americans of Italian origin created by certain television crime programs.

Typical of the praise for the Order's work was contained in a letter from Augustine La Corte, Chairman of UNICO NATIONAL's Committee on Public Relations.

Mr. La Corte said in part: "The four-page report in the May issue of OSIA NEWS of the scope of your activities in this cause shows a devotion and dedication that is surpassed by no group and we of UNICO are grateful for your efforts."

Congressman Alfred E. Santangelo of New York, who has taken an active part in the fight to change the image of men and women of Italian origin, had this to say:

"... You ought to be commended for a painstaking ef-

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## Write Letters



Congressman Alfred E. Santangelo, New York, (left) and Augustine La Corte, National Public Relations Chairman for UNICO NATIONAL.

## THE LETTERS

Augustine LaCorte, National Public Relations Chairman For UNICO NATIONAL:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

UNICO NATIONAL salutes you and your great organization on the most commendable job that has been done to combat the defamation of the Italian name in America.

The four-page report in the May issue of the OSIA NEWS of the scope of your activities in this cause shows a devotion and dedication that is surpassed by no group and we of UNICO are grateful for your efforts. We regret that we did not join in this work as early as your group did, but we are proud that we lent our help and prestige in the past year.

We have seen a need for our national groups to form an inter-group committee or federation so that a united front can be projected and at our recent National Board meeting we supported this program. My committee was authorized to co-operate with any similar committee in this work and as a result we have written to Congressman Santangelo, who has been spearheading this idea, offering our full co-operation.

It would be encouraging if two groups, such as the OSIA and UNICO, can take steps in this direction.

Kindly advise.

U.S. Rep. Alfred E. Santangelo, New York:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

I received and read with pleasure your newspaper. You ought to be commended for a painstaking effort to defend

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## Purple Aster Committee Advances Project

The Order's National Public Relations Committee has asked the various state public relations chairmen to assist members of the Society of American Florists in promoting the Order's official flower, the Purple Aster.

Letters have been mailed to all state chairmen informing them of a program being worked out by the National Public Relations Committee and officials of the Society of American Florists.

The Society of American Florists has pledged to "do everything possible to promote your official flower, the Purple Aster." This pledge was made in a letter from Frederick L. Williford of the Florists Society, to Public Relations Chairman A. Alfred Marcello.

Marcello had asked the society to help the Order in promoting the "wearing of the purple" on Columbus Day. In correspondence

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## President's Luncheon for Fanfani Supreme Venerable Present

WASHINGTON — Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., Supreme Venerable of the Order Sons of Italy in America, was a guest at the White House luncheon given by President Kennedy for Italian Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi along with Italian - American members of Congress, state and civic officials, was introduced

and chatted with President Kennedy and Prime Minister Fanfani at the luncheon which highlighted Fanfani's two-day visit here.

Other members of the Order attending the luncheon included Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts, who is general chairman of the Memorial Home fund drive; U.S. Sen. John O. Pastore of

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## Gorrasi Again Urges 'Mass Participation'

### Roma Lodge Supreme Convention Hosts

Less than two months from now Supreme delegates from 21 Grand Lodges within the United States and Canada will assemble in Washington, D.C., at the Mayflower Hotel, for the opening of the 27th biennial Supreme Lodge convention.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., will preside at the five-day sessions which will be held August 17 to the 21st.

Among the many highlights of

the social agenda will be the convention banquet and the presentation of the Order's highest honor, the Guglielmo Marconi Award.

Members of the Roma Lodge No. 71, which observes its 50th anniversary this year, will be hosts. Dr. Paul A. Manganaro general chairman, and Venerable William Amoroso, general co-chairman, along with members of the convention committee, are

preparing a well-rounded program of social events.

Though full plans are not complete, the committee has announced that several tours have been arranged which will include visits to Mt. Vernon and the national Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Other activities planned include luncheons, a dance, a tour and fashion show for the women

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# Pittsburgh Is Scene Of 26th Convention

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Highlights of the 26th grand convention of the Pennsylvania Order, held here as this edition of OSIA NEWS went to press, included presentation of awards to State Sen. Anthony J. DiSilvestro, president of the Pennsylvania Senate, and Philadelphia Councilwoman Mary A. Varallo.

Senator DiSilvestro was named recipient of the Sons of Italy's Merit Certificate and Gold Medal and presentation was scheduled to be made at a dinner-dance at the Holiday House.

Councilwoman Varallo, named "Woman of the Year" by the Women's Division, was to be presented with the award at the convention banquet.

Other events listed were luncheons honoring President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable, and the Very Rev. Msgr. John V. Tolino, grand chaplain of the Pennsylvania Order. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido

L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain, was to be a speaker at Monsignor Tolino's luncheon.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasl of Woburn, Mass., was scheduled to address the convention delegates on the opening day and was to be a speaker at the luncheon honoring Monsignor Tolino.

Other convention proceedings of the five day conclave included elections of Grand Council, Commissions and Supreme Delegates, reports of standing committees, selection of the site of the 1963 convention and installation ceremonies.

## Pennsylvania Briefs

### Women's Division

PHILADELPHIA — Mrs. Mary V. Ciccarone, president of the Women's Division, has announced that three high school honor students have been named winners of the division's annual college scholarships.

The recipients are Louis Giotfre, a member of Mascagni Lodge, Beaver Falls; Marylou K. Soncini, Philadelphia, and Philip Seridea, Johnstown, both children of Sons of Italy members.

Selection committee members included Mrs. Ciccarone; Margaret DeOre, scholarship committee chairman; Fernanda Amadie, Carmela Marrone, Lena Campbell and Grand Financial Secretary Josephine Parrillo.

### New Kensington

NEW GENSINGTON, Pa. — A large gathering attended a Mother's Day banquet sponsored by New Kensington Lodge No. 950.

Venerable Rose Marsico and Grand Deputy Hilda Troiano were presented gifts. The oldest

mother present was Mrs. Rosario Flotta; the youngest, Mrs. Kenneth Lucas. The mother traveling the longest distance was Mrs. Joseph Vigilante, who was from Florida.

### Chester Lodge

CHESTER, PA. — Francis P. Pileggi was installed venerable of "12 Ottobre" Lodge No. 486. Others seated, Louis Calvarese, ex-venerable; Natale Pilsani, assistant venerable; Joseph Pappano, orator; Joseph Muscella, recording secretary; James Manni, financial Secretary; Daniel Molla, treasurer; Louis Cerbara, Ottavio Calvarese, William Tomasco, Philip Pisani, Anthony Pileggi, trustees; Joseph Lattanzio and Domenico Collachi, masters of ceremony; Vincent Musco, sgt.-at-arms.

### Borrelli Honored

PHILADELPHIA — More than 400 persons honored Charles Borrelli, advertising director of the Sons of Italy Times, at a testimonial held at the Venice Plaza.

## "Garibaldi Guardsmen" in Civil War

### Figurine on Display at N. Y. Museum

NEW YORK — A figurine of a Garibaldi Guardsman, commemorating the special New York Civil War regiment composed both of American citizens of Italian birth and others not yet naturalized, was placed on display by the Museum of the City of New York in observance of the Italian Centennial.

The figurine, placed on public view May 30 on the anniversary of the Guard's reception by President Lincoln in Washington, will remain on display as part of the Museum's permanent collection of authentic military figurines. It shows the Garibaldi Guard uniform — a blue frock coat and trousers with red cord trimming, a red shirt and felt hat ornamented with feathers.

It was presented to the Museum by Dudley P. K. Wood, president of the board of trustees of the Museum, and is the work of New York sculptress Pamela Sneed.

The Garibaldi Guard was organized in April 1861 by Col. L. W. Tinelli, and then placed under the command of Col. Fred G. D'Utassy, with Alexander Reppetti as Lieutenant Colonel.

All three officers, as well as many of the Guard's enlisted men, had fought with Garibaldi in the wars of the Italian Risorgimento.

By May 1861 the new regiment numbered 750 men and its first official inspection was held May 14. A week later a full dress parade was held at New York's Tompkins Park, and Garibaldi's original battle flag from the Wars of 1848 and 1849 was presented to the Guard by General Avezzana,

## Pennsylvania Order Honors Fanfani

PHILADELPHIA — Italy's Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani was honored on visit here at a reception given by the Pennsylvania Order at the Sons of Italy Building.

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable, and members of the Grand Council extended greetings to Fanfani, who was later honored at a dinner at the Art Museum, given by the City of Philadelphia.

## Amodei Dies, Was Dante School Head

PHILADELPHIA — Charles Amodei, 63, president of the Dante School Commission, died at his home last month.

Brother Amodei was a member of the Order for many years. At the time of his death he was serving as a director of the Sons of Italy Bank and Trust Co., venerable of Stephen Girard Lodge No. 1872, of which he was the founder, and was president of an insurance brokerage firm.

In 1933 he was elected a magistrate and served for six years. He was appointed to the City Registration Commission in 1940 by the then Gov. Arthur H. James.

Officers and member of Stephen Girard Lodge and Grand Council officers participated in the funeral ritual at the Manual Funeral Home.

He leaves his wife, the former Myrtle Z. Freeman, two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Barto and Mrs. Elinor E. Smith, and a sister, Mrs. Theresa Clementi.

## Member Drive Now Totals 852

PHILADELPHIA — Current membership drive figures released by the Grand Lodge show that 852 new members have been inducted into the Order.

Individual leaders who have recruited 20 or more members are, Frank Nicoletti, 35; Mary Sica, 25; Phillip Madonna, 23; Benjamin Curcuruto, 23, and C. Spalletti, 22.

## National Home Drive

# Bay State Total Tops \$10,500 Mark

By ALBERT A. MAINO

Lodges, members and friends of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge have currently contributed \$10,620.50 towards the state's quota of \$55,000 in the nationwide National Memorial Home fund drive.

First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio of Dorchester, state chairman, and Second Assistant Grand Venerable Madeline Micell of Medford, co-chairman, have reported receiving contributions of \$500 or more from a number of lodges and individuals.

However, there are many lodges and many members who as yet have not contributed to the drive.

While the fund drive has increased in tempo in 1961, with \$21,826.62 raised in the first six months as compared to \$31,893.48 collected during 1960, it is a far cry from the real potential of the Order's membership.

This is especially significant when one realizes that a contribution of just \$5.00 from each member would place the Order well over the top in its campaign to erect a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

Recent remittances totaling \$4,359 have been received from: California, \$1,156; Connecticut, \$195; Delaware, \$515; Illinois, \$115; Massachusetts, \$1,363; New Jersey, \$400; New York, \$50; Ontario, \$550, and The Northwest, \$15.

Additional funds collected, but not as yet remitted, have been reported from: Indiana, \$665; Massachusetts, \$95, and New Jersey, \$35.

## Pa. District 12 Italian Day Outing July 16

FAIRCHANCE, Pa. — Charles Knox of this city is general chairman of the annual Italian Day outing to be held Sunday, July 16 at Shady Grove Park which is sponsored by the 15 lodges of District 12.

Grand Trustee Anthony DeOre, Connellsville, is honorary chairman.

Recent committee appointments include Gerardo Rossi, Dunbar park and entertainment; Emma Tylka LaBelle, chairman, lucky awards; Angeline O'Neill, chairman, refreshments; Mary DeCarol, chairman, and Therese Jeffery, co-chairman, cakes, and Julia Silver, publicity.

## Oil City Lodge

OIL CITY, Pa. — A class of ten new members, initiated into the Order by the Ellwood City Degree team, highlighted the 37th anniversary dinner sponsored by Oil City Lodge. District Grand Deputy Louis C. Glasco was principal speaker. Grand Trustee Guy Mammolite was toastmaster.

## Orphan Contributes To Home Fund

Anna Marie Mazur of New Haven, Conn., recently wrote a letter to Grand Financial Secretary James V. Novaco of Danbury, and enclosed a contribution of \$5 for the National Memorial Home fund.

What makes the contribution so meaningful is the fact that Anna Marie, now sixteen, is an orphan and for several years received aid from the Grand Lodge's Orphans Fund.

In her letter she thanked the Grand Lodge for "the helping hand" it had extended to her "at a time when it was needed most, and appreciated. I have reached the age of 16 years and am no longer eligible for benefits, and want to say thank you so much to all of you."

The following postscript was attached: "P.S. I want to donate the enclosed small token (\$5.00) toward the National Home drive."

## FANFANI

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Rhode Island, an honorary member, and U.S. Rep. Silvio Conte of Massachusetts.

Prime Minister Fanfani, accompanied by Italy's Foreign Minister, Antonio Segni, in addition to talks with President Kennedy, also met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

The problem of Germany and Berlin, a fill-in of President Kennedy's talks with Khrushchev, French President Charles DeGaulle and British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan, Italian aid to underdeveloped countries and Italy's economic and political situation, were among topics discussed.

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# Grand Conventions

## Virginia Elects Iaccheri

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Supreme Trustee Italo D. Iaccheri of Richmond, organizer and first Grand Venerable of the Virginia Grand Lodge, has once again been named to that office at the recent two-day grand convention held here.

Grand Venerable Iaccheri, who organized the Grand Lodge in 1949 and served as Grand Venerable until 1953, has been a member of the Order for many years.

Prior to his election at the convention, he had been serving his second two-year term as Supreme Trustee.

Highlights of the two-day convocation included the convention banquet at which

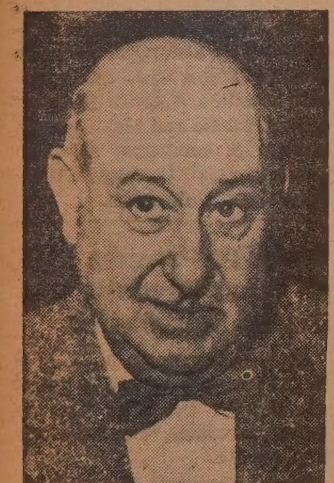
Leonard H. Pasqualicchio of Washington, D.C., past national deputy, was presented a certificate of Merit by out-going Grand Venerable Frank Montagna of Norfolk.

## It's Culotta In Maryland

BALTIMORE, Md.—Atty Samuel A. Culotta has been re-elected Grand Venerable by acclamation at the Maryland 23rd biennial grand convention held at the Southern Hotel.

Grand Venerable Culotta, serving his second two-year term as head of the Maryland Order, is a national chairman of the Order's

## Orrico In The Northwest



FRANK V. ORRICO

## Vita Nuova Lodge Notes 38th Birthday

SAN FRANCISCO — Members of Vita Nuova Lodge No. 1198 held a dinner-dance at the Grand Lodge building to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the founding of the lodge.

Pasqualicchio, honored for his service to the Order, told the gathering:

"The Order's mission since its inception has been to teach the gospel of brotherly love and to destroy hatred and envy. In America the true spirit of brotherhood has guided mankind along the tortuous path of progress in order that we may create for all the cornerstone of democracy and the fountainhead of human dignity."

Dr. N. Paul Arline, professor of history at Frederick (Va.) College, was principal speaker. He traced the history of the Italian people and noted the progress made by the Italians in America.

Other Grand Lodge officers are Assistant Grand Venerable Domenico Quagliara; Ex-Grand Venerable Montagna; Grand Orator Miss Mary J. Calandro; Grand Recording Secretary Mrs. Ferina D. Stebbing; Grand Financial Secretary John Vizzini; Grand Treasurer Mrs. Rose Montgomery; Grand Trustees: Mrs. Tisne Sykes, Mrs. Palma Rossano, J. G. Pennazoli, Mrs. A. Luciano, A. D. Minutolo, J. DiDio and John Buflo.

Immigration and Naturalization Committee.

Other officers re-elected by acclamation were, Ex-Grand Venerable Vito A. Marino; First Assistant Grand Venerable Roland Giacomelli; Grand Orator Joseph Giordano; Grand Recording Secretary Guy Sardella; Grand Financial Secretary Tito Zappacosta; Grand Treasurer Francis M. Tarasco; Grand Trustees: Marion Nasco, Raymond Lanciotti, Alfred Grue; Dr. Joseph Aguglia, grand deputy.

Judge Marino has been named supreme delegate. Angelo DiBlasi was elected as alternate.

SEATTLE, Wash. — Delegates to the recent grand convention of the Northwest Grand Lodge have re-elected Grand Venerable Frank V. Orrico to a second two-year term.

Grand Venerable Orrico, a member of the Seattle Lodge No. 1390 for more than 30 years, has served his lodge as master of ceremonies, trustee, orator, assistant venerable and venerable.

His service to the Grand Lodge, of more than 20 years, includes offices held as grand deputy, assistant grand venerable, 1950, and chairman of the Publications Commission, 1954-59.

Atty. Stephen D. Maffini was principal speaker. Atty. Mario Paolini was toastmaster and Giuseppe Bagnatori, general chairman.

## West Virginia Legislature Acts on Immigration

# Order's Program Memorialized

FAIRMONT, W. Va. — The Grand Lodge of West Virginia, reports Grand Venerable Angelo Viani, has been instrumental in gaining the support of the West Virginia Legislature in pressing for adoption of the Order's 7-point Immigration Program by the Congress of the United States.

Viani has been working with J. E. Watson, Charleston, majority whip of the House of Delegates, to obtain the support of the State Legislature in requesting Congressional action to amend existing immigration laws.

Grand Venerable Viani recently received a letter from Mr. Watson which stated that the Order's 7-point Immigration Program had been included in full in a bill "Memorializing Congress to amend the Immigration and naturalization laws."

The Majority Whip wrote in part: "... I succeeded in having the resolution, which you mentioned, passed unanimously in the House of Delegates. I will work toward its passage in the State Senate. I hope that time will not run out before this can be completed."

"I believe that the resolution is worth serious consideration and was happy to have done my part in the House of Delegates"

The House Concurrent Resolution No. 49, which was also adopted by the Senate, stated:

"Memorializing the Congress

## Pilot Operation?

The West Virginia Grand Lodge has won endorsement of its State Legislature for the Order's seven-point Immigration Program. Grand Lodges throughout the country are urged to have their respective State Legislatures take similar action. The seven points advanced by the Order are humane, just and equitable and should be given Congressional consideration in the revision of existing immigration laws.

The Editor

to amend the immigration and naturalization laws."

Whereas, The Order Sons of Italy in America has manifested a keen interest in our immigration and naturalization laws over the years; and has adopted a 7-point program designated to bring about more equality, humaneness and fairness in said laws; and

Whereas, Said program for amendment of existing laws and adoption of new legislation, includes the following:

(1) Amendment of the National Origins Quota System and in its place to submit a more fair and humanitarian immigration policy based upon judgment of the individual merit of each applicant for admission and citizenship;

(2) Adoption of the 1960 in lieu of the 1920 census to establish quotas;

(3) Abolition of mortgages on quotas and re-allocation of unused quotas to countries having over-subscribed quotas;

(4) Granting more favorable preferences to relatives of the United States Citizens;

(5) Equalizing citizenship between native-born and naturalized citizens;

(6) Humanizing the harsh provisions of the present immigration law relative to admission, exclusion and deportation of aliens; and

(7) Revising and extending the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 and the Alien Orphans' Act of 1957; therefore, be it Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring therein: That the Legislature of West Virginia hereby expresses its interest in the foregoing program and does hereby respectfully memorialize the Congress to give thorough and favorable consideration to the proposals to improve our immigration and naturalization laws; and, be it Further resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the members of the Congress from the State of West Virginia.

## California

### Half Moon Bay Member Dies

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — Aurelio Barsiegla, venerable and charter member of Abraham Lincoln Lodge No. 1902, died of a heart attack recently.

A native of Lucca, Italy, Brother Barsiegla had lived here for the past 40 years. He was an artichoke grower.

A charter member of Lincoln lodge, organized in 1940, he had served as venerable for the past ten years. He had also served as a grand deputy and had served on the Grand Lodge Building Committee.

Barsiegla was active in community affairs and had been a member of the Italian-American Federation, San Mateo County, and the Coastside Italian-American Club & Druids.

Lodge members and Grand

## \$1,000 Contributor To Home Fund

SAN FRANCISCO—Charles M. Paganini of this city, president of the Security Lithograph Co., has made a contribution of \$1,000 to the Order's National Memorial Home fund drive.

The contribution, reported by Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento of Boyes Springs, state chairman, was solicited by Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno.

Lodge officers attended the ritualistic ceremony and Mass at Our Lady of Pillar Catholic Church and the burial services at Holy Cross Cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Ada Barsiegla, and a sister, Bruna Barsiegla of Lucca, Italy.

## Nine Initiated At Castroville

CASTROVILLE, Calif. — A large gathering attended the basket picnic sponsored by Castroville Lodge No. 1530 at the Castroville Club in Vierra Canyon.

In other lodge activities, nine new members were initiated into the Order. Guests attending were Grand Orator and Mrs. Frank Ragone, Grand Trustee and Mrs. Aldo Tadolini, and Grand Deputy and Mrs. Anthony Tartella.

Venerable Sal Candiloro welcomed the following new members, Carlo and Anna Cortopassi, John and Elizabeth Pesce, Dorothy Riparetti, Dino Lazzarini, Virginia Micheletti, Rick Della Mora and Sindone Bellone.

## Santa Maria Lodge Inducts 5 Members

SANTA MARIA, Calif.—A class of five new members was inducted at ceremonies conducted by Gabriele D'Annunzio Lodge No. 1585. Venerable Ottorino Bettiga, assisted by Arturo Tognazzini, initiated the following: Angelo Giudice, Mrs. Collene Giudice, Maria Mazzuffo, Thomas Mazzuffo and Henry Smith.

## Campon Testimonial

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. — Peter T. Campon, a member of Sons of Italy Lodge No. 487, noted lecturer and former president of the City Council, was honored at a testimonial dinner given by the Binghamton Chapter of Unico National. State Supreme Court Justice Joseph P. Molinari of Oneonta was principal speaker.

## Racine, Wis., Lodges Install

RACINE, Wis. — Russell Misurelli of Roma Lodge and Mrs. Frank Romano of Vittoria Colonna Ladies' Lodge were installed venerables at joint ceremonies here following a dinner held in the Roma Lodge quarters.

Grand Deputy Dominic Postorino and Frank Romano, herald, presided.

Roma Lodge officers: Missurelli, venerable; Frank Matagrano, assistant venerable; Ralph Nicotera Jr., ex-venerable; Val Malfara, orator; John Lapetina, recording secretary; Ralph Mazze, financial secretary; Ronald Guarascio, treasurer; Joseph Arnone, Santo DeRose, Anthony

Litrenta, Joseph Fizzari, Joseph Cefalu, trustees; Phillip Litrenta and Sam Pulice, masters of ceremony.

Colonna Lodge: Mrs. Romano, venerable; Mrs. Joseph LoPiccolo, assistant venerable; Mrs. Anthony Litrenta, ex-venerable; Mrs. Norbert Thielen, orator; Mrs. Gaetano Bovi, recording secretary; Mrs. Ben Yanzito, financial secretary; Mrs. Sam Romano, treasurer; Mrs. Anthony DiPasquale, Mrs. Jerome Litrenta, Mrs. Rose Genunzio, Mrs. Anthony Matagrano, Mrs. Carmela Postorino, trustees; Mrs. Frank Pulice and Mrs. Rocco Litrenta, masters of ceremony; Mrs. Joseph Moratto, sentinel.





#### OFFICERS OF ELLWOOD CITY, PA., LODGE

Officers of Corona d'Italia Lodge No. 807, seated, left to right, Paulina Morello, assistant venerable; Mrs. Annetta Berardi, venerable; standing, Yolanda Prosperini, financial secretary; Anna Butchelli, orator; Anna Pretti, recording secretary, and Giulia Toooh, treasurer.



#### UTICA, N. Y. WOMEN'S LODGE INSTALLS

Officers of Adelaide Calroli Ladies No. 294, seated, left to right, Mrs. Antoinette Ricci, treasurer; Mrs. Edith DeFazio, recording secretary; standing, left to right, Mrs. Concetta Nasto, financial secretary; Mrs. Mildred Vatalaro, venerable, and Mrs. Rose Bonacci, assistant venerable.

#### Assist Home Fund

### 25-Year Members Honored

CHICAGO — The success of Eleanora Duse Ladies' Lodge No. 1334 luncheon and fashion show resulted in the lodge making a contribution of \$100 to the Order's National Memorial Home fund drive.

Highlight of the event was the presentation of certificates, pins and corsages to twelve members who were honored for 25-years or more service to the lodge.

Venerable Grace Cascino introduced the members and presentations were made by Financial Secretary Phyllis Staulcup.

Recipients were Ida Furno, Maria Bacci, Maria Conti, Vincenza Corso, Louise Corso, Phyllis Staulcup, Luisa Committo, Maria Davi, Carmelina Giantatasio, Frances Gregorio, Josephine Provenza and Emelia Melone. Lillian Greco was in charge of arrangements.

#### Marconi Lodge Honors Mrs. Basile At Clarksburg

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. — Mrs. Antonio Basile of Anmoore was honored as "Mother of the Year" at a dinner sponsored by William Marconi Lodge No. 1140. More than 200 persons attended.

Grand Venerable Angelo Viani of Fairmont was principal speaker. Mrs. Catherine F. Minehart, grand recording secretary, was toastmaster.

Mrs. Basile, a member of the Order for more than 25 years and mother of three children, is grand treasurer.

Past recipients of the honor attending were Mrs. Antonio Pettito, Mrs. Anthony Marra and Mrs. Anthony Romano.

Guests included Mrs. Mary Mustachio, chosen "Mother of the Year" by the Grand Lodge; Mrs. Angelo Viani and Mrs. Catherine Yann, all of Fairmont.

#### The Distaff Side Of The Order



CHICAGO, ILL., LODGE FASHION SHOW—Models at the Luncheon and fashion show sponsored by Eleanora Duse Lodge No. 1334, were, left to right, Mrs. Marion Cascino, venerable; Mrs. Joseph Greco, chairman; Mrs. Peter Gerarado, assistant venerable; Mrs. Charles Piazza, recording secretary, and Mrs. James Staulcup, financial secretary.



FAREWELL RECEPTION TO AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BROGIO—Members of the Roma Lodge No. 71, the Lido Club and the Italian Society honored Italian Ambassador Manlio Brosio and Mrs. Brosio at a reception in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., prior to their departure to Paris. From left to right, Mrs. Brosio; Ambassador Brosio; Venerable William Amoroso of Roma Lodge; J. LaPiaug, president of the Lido Club, and Ralph Urciolo, president of the Italian Society.

#### Washington, D. C.

### Roma Lodge Notes 50th Anniversary

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The initiation of twelve new members and the installation of new officers for the year highlighted the 50th anniversary of the founding of Roma Lodge No. 71.

More than 200 members attended an informal celebration of the event and paid tribute to the three surviving members who assisted in the formation of the group in 1911.

Honored were William Amoroso, newly elected venerable for 1961; Alfonso Tana and Vito Radice. The lodge now boasts a membership of 500. A formal observance of the anniversary will be held in the Fall.

Officers for the coming years are Jean Lozupone, assistant venerable; Joseph F. Sorge, ex-venerable; Giuseppe DiBlasi, orator; Lucio A. D'Andrea, recording secretary; Oswald Fabrizio, financial secretary; Louis Carta, treasurer; Lorenzo Vallario, controller; Vito Lozupone, Anthony Cestone, Evelyn Marchionna, Joseph Musolino, A. Gelfo, trustees; Arthur Nobilio and Melo Pratico, masters of ceremony; Custodio Saitta, sentinel; Dr. Paul A. Mangano, lodge physician.

#### Viani To Preside At West Virginia Grand Convention

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — The Daniel Boone Hotel will be headquarters for the West Virginia grand convention to be held July 9 10 and 11.

Grand Venerable Angelo Viani of Fairmont, will preside at the sessions which will be held in the quarters of the host Christopher Columbus Lodge.

Delegates from two lodges organized within the past two years —Huntington Lodge and Liberty Lodge of Welch—will be attending their first grand convention.





#### RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR HONORED AT OSSINING, N. Y.

Gov. John A. Notte Jr. of Rhode Island cuts cake at a banquet in his honor given by members of Cristoforo Colombo Lodge No. 692, Ossining, N.Y. From left to right, Venerable Anthony Capua Jr.; Guarino DiLoretto, banquet chairman; Governor Notte; Past Grand Venerable Ubaldo N. Marino, toastmaster, and Joseph P. Alaimo, general chairman. Governor Notte also participated in ceremonies at which officers of the lodge were installed for the coming year.



#### CONNECTICUT GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED

Among the members of the Grand Council elected at the recent Connecticut grand convention were, seated, left to right, Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott, and Grand Treasurer Mary G. Brancati; standing, left to right, Grand Financial Secretary James V. Novaco; Ex-Grand Venerable Domenick Cocco; Grand Recording Secretary Louis N. Nardelli; Assistant Grand Venerable Angelo G. Santaniello, and Grand Orator Anthony C. DeLallo.



#### MECHANICVILLE, N. Y. LODGE OFFICERS

Officers of Primavera Italica Lodge No. 599 elected were, seated, left to right, Meno Bango, ex-venerable; Ernest D'Alessandro, grand deputy and installing officer; Mrs. Mary Louise Fasolino, venerable of Senior Dante Club Lodge No. 2040; Pat Santagato, venerable, and Gaetano Carbone, financial secretary; standing, left to right; Anthony Fortune, Ernest D'Alberto, Frank Brownell, Sam Federico, trustees; Michael Fortune, assistant venerable; Frank Izzo, recording secretary, and Salvatore Cervine, treasurer. Absent when photo was taken were Jerome Mastrianni, orator, and Christopher Sgambati, trustee.



#### 25-YEAR MEMBERS FETED AT PORT WASHINGTON, N. Y.

Members of John Michael Marino Lodge No. 1389 of Port Washington, L. I., honored John Murro, past venerable, and five members who have given 25-years service to the lodge at the annual spring dinner-dance held at the House of McLaughlin in Roslyn. More than 230 persons attended. District Deputy Carmine Cocciola presented Murro with a gold pin. Presented 25-year pins were, left to right, Dario Ramazzotti, Frances Roverini, Venerable Orlando Scaramucci, who made the presentations; Angelo Tomassi, and Anthony Langone. A fifth recipient, Enrico Cimarelli, was not able to be present.

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with the Society of American Florists, Marcello urged florists to display "Purple Asters" in connection with Columbus Day as an effective means of promoting the official observance of Columbus Day throughout the United States.

Mr. Williford in promising the help of his organization, suggested that the National Public Relations Committee set up an operation whereby various members of the florists group could work with representatives on a local level.

Accordingly, the National Public Relations Committee has sent to Mr. Williford a list of all state chairmen on public relations within the Order. Mr. Williford has been asked to channel these names to members of his society and that the society contact the order's state chairmen in their respective communities so that activities can be properly coordinated.

Copies of Marcello's letter to Mr. Williford as well as an advisory bulletin have been mailed to all state chairmen.



#### LODGE GIFT TO SKOKIE, ILL., FIRE DEPARTMENT

Skokie Valley Lodge No. 2046 officials present inhalator to Skokie Fire Department. Left to right, Pat Seul, past venerable; Dr. Frank DiGillio, ex-venerable; Fire Chief Raymond H. Redick, and Venerable Mario G. Tonelli.

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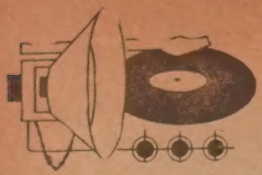
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## RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

In recent months there have been a number of releases involving sacred choral music. And in the hustle and bustle of today's living, these recordings come as a welcome relief from the run-of-mill variety of recorded music.

A new version of Bach's *St. John's Passion* tops the list. This is the London stereo recording in three discs. It is a masterful job distinguished by competent solo and choral singing.

The performance was recorded in King's College Chapel, scene of several other brilliant London recordings.

Peter Pears sings the role of the Evangelist from an English translation which he prepared in collaboration with Andrew Ræburn. He gives his role a great dignity. His magnificent tenor voice is clear as a bell at all times.

Helen Watts, Elizabeth Harwood, and Hervey Allen are also in the cast. Of special interest is the performance of the noted Baroque artist, Thurston Dart at the harpsichord.

Two other London releases feature *Gregorian Chants*, recorded by the Monks of the Abbey of St. Pierre de Solesmes conducted by Don Joseph Gajard, O.B.S.

One recording is concerned with Good Friday music; other presents the Septuagesima Mass. These are beautiful examples of remote and calm music.

These recordings, of course, should be heard in appropriate surroundings and under suitable conditions. Otherwise their musical beauty will be lost.

### Summer Listening

Columbia Records' two-disc set, *Stars for A Summer Night*, is a bargain in any language. It comes in stereo at \$2.98 and in conventional hi-fi for \$1.98.

One record features light, breezy music of such recording artists as Les Brown, Dave Brubeck, Ray Coniff, Percy Faith, among others. The second disc features music on the classical side. And it's a gem no matter how you look at it. The artists include Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic, Ivan Davis and Philippe Entremont, the brilliant young pianists; Zino Francescatti, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra, Richard Tucker, Eileen Farrell and Thomas Schippers, who is fast making a name for himself as a conductor.

The sound, of course, is tops.

### 'Highlights'

The audiophile who is reluctant to wade through multiple set recordings to get at some music he fancies will find two new London albums to his liking. These contain highlights from two popular works — *Rosenkavalier* and *Arabella*.

Until now, the only way the

music lover could hear music from *Rosenkavalier* or *Arabella* was through the purchase of the complete recordings. But with the latest releases some of the most gorgeous music conceived by Richard Strauss is now available in condensed or "highlights" form.

And both can be had either in stereo or conventional hi-fi.

The *Rosenkavalier* disc is conducted by Eric Kleiber and stars Ludwig Weber, Maria Reining, Sena Jurinac and Hilde Gueden.

Georg Solti directs the *Arabella* recording with major roles performed by Hilde Gueden, Lisa della Casa, George London and Anton Dermota.

Both are beautifully recorded.

### Critic's Choices

**CONCERTGEBOUW** — The famous Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam is featured in two new London releases. These are the first recordings of the orchestra in stereo. They are Mahler's delightful Symphony No. 4 and excerpts from Tchaikovsky's popular Swan Lake. They are beautifully performed and recorded.

Sylvia Stahlman sings the children's folk song in the last movement of Mahler's symphony. Georg Solti is the conductor which is reason enough for anyone to acquire this disc.

Anatole Fistoulari conducts Swan Lake with distinction.

**HANDEL** — Kenneth McKellar, the young Scottish tenor, in a beautiful recording of tenor arias by Handel. McKellar's powerful voice registers effectively in such gems as *Largo* from *Xerxes*, *Every Valley* from *The Messiah*, and *Love In Her Eyes* from *Sits Playing* from *ACIS AND GALATEA*. Sir Adrian Boult conducts the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House Covent Garden. In both stereo and monaural. (London Records.)

### Capsule Reviews

#### BALLADS OF THE COSSACKS

—The Romanoff Singers make their debut on the Columbia label in a collection of robust songs. There are 18 voices in this singing group and these are superbly blended to make this recording pleasant listening. The familiar *Volga Boatman* is included in the selections. The conductor is Ivan Romanoff who has had considerable experience in this type of work.

**FRENCH OVERTURES** — Ernest Ansermet and the celebrated Swiss Orchestra in a sparkling performance of overtures. No doubt about it — Ansermet seems to have an affinity for this type of music. Some of the selections in this album are lesser known than others. Two of Offenbach's most popular works, *La Belle Helene* and *Orpheus in the Underworld* are included. Others are Lalo's *Le Roi D'Ys*, Auber's *The Black Domino* and *Fra Diavolo*. A MUST for your collection.

## Ohio Convention To Be Held at Canton, July 27, 28, 29 and 30

CANTON, Ohio — The Ohio Grand Convention will be held here at the Hotel Onesto on July 27, 28, 29 and 30. Grand Venerable Anthony O. Calabrese, Cleveland, will preside. Dan Rufo of the host William McKinley Lodge No. 1627, is general chairman. A highlight will be the convention banquet and dance to be held Saturday evening, July 29.

## Ohio Senate Notes Italy's Unification

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Senate recently adopted a resolution "extending congratulations and best wishes to the Republic of Italy on the occasion of its One Hundredth Birthday."

State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese of Cleveland, Grand Venerable of the Ohio Order, introduced the resolution which also paid tribute "to three men responsible for the successful culmination of the struggle — Giuseppe Mazzini, Count Camillo Cavour, and Giuseppe Garibaldi — dreamers, fighters, heroes all."

Supreme Trustee Julius A. Pizzoferrato, Steubenville Health Commissioner, and a Past Grand Venerable, assisted Senator Calabrese.

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attending, a performance by the Air Force Symphony Orchestra, and a Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, followed with a breakfast in the shrine's restaurant.

For some years now the number of members attending Supreme Lodge functions has been on the increase. A truly national flavor has been added, particularly to Supreme Conventions.

The theme of 'mass participation' and national thinking advanced several years ago by Supreme Venerable Gorrasi has taken hold and members are turning out in ever increasing numbers for events on the Supreme Lodge level.

And, again this year, it is anticipated that members in large numbers will include the Supreme Convention in their vacation plans.

The nation's capital is a cosmopolitan city and is a sight-seer's paradise—the U. S. Capitol, the White House, the U. S. Supreme Court the Smithsonian Institute, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the National Gallery of Art, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Washington Cathedral . . . and the list goes on.

And, not to be overlooked is a plot of ground numbered 1600 Massachusetts avenue, N.W., upon which will be erected, in the not too distant future, the Order's National Memorial Home.

Why not plan your vacation to include the Supreme Convention and its social functions . . . it will be a rewarding experience.

## Supreme Chaplain's Corner

# Liberty Restricted

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

There are some people who feel that their liberty is restricted and their freedom curtailed by the Ten Commandments of God and by the laws of the Church. If you are one of this group, then this story by the famous Italian writer, Cesare Cantu', is for you.

A certain considerate and very charitable man one day saw a blind man who had lost his way home shuffling towards a ravine which he did not know was there; had he taken a few more steps he surely would have fallen to his death. Our good friend at some sacrifice, since he had to go out of his way, offered to lead the blind man safely home. In order to do this, he had to lead the blind man over a rough, narrow road which had a deep precipice on either side. One step too far to the left or to the right meant sure death. However, the road itself was very rough, covered with huge stones that had to be circled and marked with many ruts that twisted the ankles. Travelling over this path was painful for the blind man. He complained, and even cursed his benefactor for not taking a smoother and what he imagined was a safer path, a little to the left or to the right of the one they were travelling. He even struggled with his benefactor to avoid the obstacles in his way, not knowing that to avoid them would have meant certain destruction. Fortunately for him, his benefactor forced him to stay on the narrow path, and, though he suffered some bumps and bruised shins, he led him safely to his home.

Would you say that the benefactor restricted the liberty of the blind man?

We are travelling the road of life that is intended to lead us safely and surely to our Home—Heaven. At best it is a narrow path beset with many pitfalls; we are surrounded on all sides by many dangers that threaten to destroy us eternally; we are blind, insofar as we are unable of ourselves to pick the right road to Heaven. God is our guide and benefactor. To save us from falling into the eternal abyss, He has given us the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church. While these may seem to make the road Home difficult, and to restrict our liberty, in reality they are our protection and they guarantee our safe passage to Heaven.

Rather than complain of the seeming hardships that the Ten Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Church impose upon us, we should be ever grateful for them. We should have more confidence in God, our Guide, and less trust in our own judgments, especially when these are opposed to God's judgments. "Narrow is the road that leads to Heaven; wide, the road that leads to hell."

## Letters From Our Readers

# IN THE MAILBAG

This column is open to all readers for expressions of opinion. As an evidence of good faith contributors are expected to sign name and address. When it is so requested the name will not be published. Letters will be published in the order they are received.

### NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COMMENDED

Dear Brother Marcello:

In behalf of all the delegates and members, attending our convention in Waterbury recently, I am happy to tell you that one of the resolutions adopted without any opposition was one commending you on your work on anti-defamation.

Your work indicates your sincerity of purpose and efforts mark you as a true Son of Italy. We will always be ready to lend our support.

Grand Recording Secretary Louis N. Nardelli  
Waterbury, Conn.

### JUNE ARTICLE DRAWS PRAISE

Dear Al:

Congratulations on your fine article "The Italian Press and the Order". This was not only timely, but pointed as well. I trust it has a salutary effect.

Enclosed find a check to help you continue your fine work of the OSIA NEWS.

Grand Venerable Carmine A. Ventiera  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Arlington, Va., Lodge Inducts Four

ARLINGTON, Va. — Venerable Pat Petta of George Washington Lodge No. 2083 presided at the initiation of four new members: Richard V. Petta, Joseph A. Pen-

nazoli, Sal Brunetti, and Aria (Joe) Callandro. Venerable William Amoroso, Roma Lodge No. 71, Washington, D.C., was a guest.



# Advances Study of Italian

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The Grand Lodge of California continues to foster the study of the Italian language at the junior and senior high school level.

The Grand Lodge recently sponsored an Italian language contest. Grand Historian Angelo Bacoccina and Atty. Stephen D. Maffini of the Grand Lodge's Italian Committee, presented awards to 15 students for their proficiency in the study of the Italian language.

The contest, held at Galileo High School, was under the direction of Prof. Ebe Sapone. There were 34 finalists entered representing the seven senior and junior high school in the city.

Also listed was a special category for students who were born in Italy.

Prize winners in the junior high division, first-year students, were: 1. Ronald Baldwin, Denham Junior High School; 2. Steve Bandettini, Marina Junior High School; 3. Pernilla Neal, Portola Junior High School.

First-year student winners in the senior high school division were: 1. Rose Marie Fernandez, Galileo High School; 2. Barbara Lembi, Balboa High School; 3. Josephine Fazio, Balboa High School.

Second-year student winners, senior high school: 1. Marie Annette Dufav, Lincoln High

School; 2. Cynthia Baldwin, Balboa High School; 3. Terry Lofrano, Galileo High School.

Third-year student winners: 1. Christine Karussus, Balboa High School; 2. Silvia Moresi, Balboa High School; 3. Connie Caruso, Balboa High School.

Student winners in the special category were: 1. Emilio Cristiani, Marina Junior High School; 2. Maurice Dee, Marina Junior High School, and 3. Giuliana Spera, Lincoln High School.

Italian language instructors participating were, Prof. J. Alberico, Prof. M. Alberico, Dr. Maria Flori, Prof. Armando Franceschi, Carmelo Iacqua, Lina Zambonin and A. Panattoni.

## PENNSYLVANIA'S IMPACT ON THE ORDER

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Order as a top national organization.

### Largest Grand Lodge

Pennsylvania has long held the distinction of being the largest Grand Lodge in the Order Sons of Italy in America. And fortunately for the Supreme Lodge with this distinction has come an awareness among Pennsylvania leaders of its great responsibility to the Order as a whole. Time and again the Pennsylvania Order has been a bulwark of strength to the Supreme Lodge, inspiring in others the need for national unity, national purpose and national thinking.

This year marks the 26th time the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge meets in Grand Convention. Between the years of 1913 and 1919 the Keystone State Grand Lodge met once a year. In 1919, however, the first biennial Grand Convention was held in Scranton and this policy has been adhered to since.

The history of the Pennsylvania Order has been one of growth and accomplishments. When the pioneers of the Keystone State first met in Grand Convention in 1913 there were 12 lodges and 1,200 members in Pennsylvania. A year later at the second Grand

Convention held in Williamsport the Pennsylvania Order had added 21 more lodges for a total of 33.

By 1916 a Fondo Unico Mortuario had been created and in the Spring of 1917 the Grand Council undertook its first fund raising drive. In eight days more than \$11,000 was collected among the members for a fund to aid the orphaned children of Italian soldiers killed in World War I. The money raised represented about 200,000 lire at the rate of exchange at that time.

### Aid To Needy

Since then members of the Pennsylvania Order have contributed heavily to a number of fund-raising campaigns which provided badly needed clothing, drugs, food, machinery, etc. for the relief of the Italian people.

They have also given generously to funds raised for relief work in the United States.

And speaking of fund drives, Pennsylvania members spearheaded the first campaign to raise money among members on a national scale. This was the campaign for funds for an orphanage at Cassino, Italy, in memory of American soldiers who died in the liberation of Italy during World War II.

And heading this campaign were Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, as national chairman, and Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, national executive secretary.

### 38 Years at Helm

Judge Alessandrini has been Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order since 1923 when he was elected to succeed Cav. Giuseppe Di Silvestro, the first Grand Venerable. Di Silvestro served for 10 years as Grand Venerable. Since the 1923 Grand Convention held in Du Bois, Judge Alessandrini has been re-elected by acclamation. He has been at the helm of the Pennsylvania Order for 38 years.

Biagi has been identified with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 35 years. Recently he was honored at a testimonial dinner for "25 years of devoted service to the Order in the office of Grand Recording Secretary."

With any organization like ours, leadership looms large. We are measured by others by the type of leadership we have.

Throughout our existence as a national organization we have had the good fortune of the right kind of leadership and the state of Pennsylvania has given the Supreme Lodge many men of high caliber to serve as national officers.

Proof of this is found in the present Supreme Council, Joseph C. Palermo of Ambler, Pa., is Supreme Orator; Americo A. De Martinis, Philadelphia, is Supreme Financial Secretary and Joseph Cernuto, Mt. Pleasant, is Supreme Treasurer.

And among the Supreme Trustees are Silvio Perrella, Wilkes-Barre and Charles Caputo, Pittsburgh.

A Pennsylvania member also heads one of the most important national committees in the Supreme Lodge. He is Americo Cortese, Assistant Grand Venerable, who has served as president of the Order's National Historical Society and the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum since it was first organized.

### Convention Highlights

A highlight of this year's Grand Lodge convention linked the present with the past. A guest of honor at the convention was Anthony J. DiSilvestro, President of the Pennsylvania State Senate. A Certificate of Merit and Gold Medal were presented to Di Silvestro, who is the son of the first Grand Venerable of Pennsylvania — Cav. Giuseppe Di Silvestro.

Also honored at the convention was Mary Varallo, chosen as the "women of the Year" by the Women's Division of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. Mary Varallo, after long service in the Pennsylvania Legislature, has the distinction of being the first woman of Italian origin to be elected at large to the Philadelphia City Council.

### More Than 45,000

We salute the more than 45,000 members of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. We do so in the name of the Order. And we do so as an individual and as Director of the Order's national publication, OSIA NEWS.

We know that in the years to come Pennsylvania will give the entire Order the same devotion and dedicated service it has in its long and glorious history.

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the good name of the Italian people. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors, and you can depend upon my support in every good cause.

My father, Michael Santangelo, I believe was one of the founders of the Order of the Sons of Italy in New York. He was the Grand Venerable in New York and was a member of the Cristoforo Colombo Lodge. I still recall the struggles, and the success which the Order of the Sons of Italy almost had in New York until conflicts and personal jealousies tore the organization asunder.

I enclose a copy of a speech which I delivered in Philadelphia at a very important national organization, UNICO. You might find the remarks of interest.

**U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte,**  
Massachusetts:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

I want to thank you ever so much for your letter of May 5 together with the copy of the Order Sons of Italy newspaper which reported the work of the National Committee on Public Relations in connection with the Order's campaign to defend the good name of the Italian people. I certainly appreciate being kept abreast of this highly important and sensitive problem facing our people.

I forward enclosed herewith my last newsletter which reported briefly on my trip to Italy, among many other countries, and also a questionnaire that I have sent out to my constituents. I thought there might be something among these two documents that might be newsworthy to your people.

**U.S. Rep. Peter W. Rodino, Jr.,**  
New Jersey:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Thanks very much for sending me the record of your Public Relations Committee.

There is no doubt that your efforts over the last two years have been responsible for much

## Write Letters



**Congressmen Peter W. Rodino, Jr., New Jersey, (left) and Silvio O. Conte, Massachusetts.**



**Gov. Albert D. Rosellini, Washington, (left) and Congressman Joseph P. Addabbo, New York.**

of the improvement in the national image of Italians and Americans of Italian descent.

Keep up the good work.

**Gov. Albert D. Rosellini,**  
Washington:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

This is to thank you for sending me a copy of the article printed in the 1961 edition of the OSIA NEWS. May I encourage you to pursue this program vigorously.

**U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Addabbo,**  
New York:

Dear Mr. Marcello:

Thank you for your letter of recent date and enclosure regarding the Order's Campaign "to defend the good name of the Italian people."

Be assured of my full cooperation in this campaign.

## Palleria Is Speaker At Camden, N. J.

**CAMDEN, N. J.** — Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria was a speaker at the annual dinner-dance sponsored by Alighieri Garibaldi Lodge No. 494. The affair was held at the Walt Whitman Hotel.

Assistant Camden County Prosecutor Charles Rizzi, a past venerable, was principal speaker. Daniel J. Ragone was toastmaster and Atty. Dominic C. Bocco was general chairman.

Guests were the Rev. Fr. Richard Gerbino of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church; Dr. Lawrence A. Ragone, venerable of the Camden Lodge; Grand Trustee Nicholas A. Mignone, Frank Rizzi, and Joseph Saitta, recent recipient of Italy's Star of Solidarity.

The committee: Carmen Nocito, Angelo B. Cardone, Nettie Narciso, Rose Ragnone, Antoinette Cardone, Florence Ragone, Yolanda Thomas, Rudolph Mignone, Lillian Nepi, Jennie Vergilio, Rizzi and Grand Trustee Mignone.

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fort to defend the good name of the Italian people. I wish you the best of luck in your endeavors, and you can depend upon my support in every good cause."

A cross-section of letters received by the National Committee on Public Relations are carried in this edition, starting on page one.

## Elizabeth, N. J. Lodge Inducts 64

**Elizabeth, N. J.** — An intensive membership campaign by members of Capitano Pietro Verri Lodge No. 123 is producing results. The lodge recently initiated a class of 64 new members.

Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria of Paterson, who was unable to attend, sent a message of congratulations which was read at the ceremonies. He praised the renewed vitality of the lodge, which plans to initiate another class in the fall.





# More Than 1,000 Honor D'Agostino

BOSTON—Supreme and Grand Lodge officers and state and civic officials joined with more than 1,000 persons in honoring Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino at a testimonial banquet held in the Statler Hilton Hotel.

Among the speakers were Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass.; Gov. John A. Volpe of Massachusetts, general chairman of the Order's National Memorial Home fund drive; Superior Court Judge Felix Forte, Somerville; Past Supreme Venerable, who spoke in behalf of the Past Grand Venerables; Deputy Mayor of Boston, Henry F. Scagnoli, and Deputy Italian Consul General Paolo Campo.

## Donadio Is Toastmaster

First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, Dorchester, was toastmaster and banquet chairman.

Guests included Federal District Court Judge Anthony Julian, Watertown, Past Grand Venerable; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Supreme Chaplain; the Rt. Rev. Msgr., Albert A. Jacobbe, East Boston, Grand Chaplain; the Rev. Fr. Alphonse Palladino, chaplain of the Massachusetts Junior Division; State Sen. Mario Umana, East Boston; Sheriff Howard Fitzpatrick of Middlesex County; Michael DeMarco, chairman, Industrial Accident Board, and Governor's Councillor Michael J. Favulli, Worcester.

The banquet brought to a close Grand Venerable D'Agostino's two-year term as Grand Venerable.

D'Agostino, a member of the Order for 35 years, has served the Order in various offices. A native of Cambridge, he served as venerable of Italia Lodge and was a grand delegate to a number of grand conventions. He has served the Grand Lodge as Grand Orator, Assistant Grand Venerable and as a Supreme Deputy and served as Supreme Trustee from 1947 to 1953.

## Practicing Attorney

Grand Venerable D'Agostino is a graduate of Boston University School of Law and has been a practicing attorney since 1925.

He has served successively as assistant city solicitor of Cambridge, assistant district attorney of Middlesex County, liquidating attorney for the banking commissioner, and for 10 years was a commissioner of the Industrial Accident Board.

Committee members included Second Assistant Grand Venerable Mrs. Madeline Miceli and Grand Trustee Antonio Mosca, assistant chairmen; Miss Edith L. D'Orazio and Joseph Furnari, secretaries, and Grand Treasurer Jerry Leone, treasurer.

## Mrs. Malone Feted At Waltham, Mass.

WALTHAM, Mass. — Mrs. Charles Malone, named "Mother of the Year" by members of Regina Margherita Lodge, was honored at a reception and presented with an orchid. She is lodge orator, publicity chairman, and a past venerable.

## Medford Lodge Tribute to Mrs. Volpe

BOSTON—Mrs. John A. Volpe, the Bay State's First Lady, was guest of honor at the installation and 31st anniversary banquet sponsored by Santa Maria Lodge No. 1570, Medford, at Hotel Beaconsfield. Second Assistant Grand Venerable Madeline Miceli was principal speaker.

Officers installed were Mrs. Lucille DeCristofaro, venerable; Miss Fannie Mattaliano, assistant venerable; Mrs. Gemma Valenti, ex-venerable; Mrs. Helen Cagno, orator; Mrs. Louise DeLuca, recording secretary; Victoria Cunha, financial secretary; Mrs. Ella DiMatta, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Curro, Mrs. Bessie Abramo, Mrs. Lena Tringale, Mrs. Mary Polcari, Mrs. Florence Olivetto, trustees; Mrs. Jean Scimeca and Mrs. Dorothy Carpinella, masters of ceremony; Mrs. Teresa Argenzio, sentinel.



## PRINCIPALS AT BANQUET FOR BAY STATE GRAND VENERABLE

Seated, left to right, Gov. John A. Volpe, general chairman of the National Memorial Home fund drive; Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino, and Mrs. D'Agostino; standing, left to right, Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, First Assistant Grand Venerable Peter E. Donadio, toastmaster, and Deputy Mayor Henry F. Scagnoli.



## \$2,500 PRESENTED TO NATIONAL HOME FUND AT BIAGI BANQUET

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi of Philadelphia, fourth from right, was honored for "25 years of devoted service" by lodges of Western Pennsylvania at a banquet attended by 1,200 officers and members held at Belle Vernon. A highlight was the presentation of \$2,500 to the National Memorial Home fund. Front row, left to right, Grand Trustee Frank Bosco, Grand Financial Secretary Josephine Parrillo, Biagi, President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Grand Venerable; Assistant Grand Venerable Albert Chenet, general chairman, and Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese; rear, left to right, Secretary of the Commonwealth James Trimarchi, and Mayor Hugo Parente of Monessen.

## Illinois Bowling Tourney

CHICAGO — A banquet and presentation of trophy awards highlighted the year's competition in the Grand Lodge's North and South Side bowling leagues. The Lezza Spumoni team of the North Side, representing Donna Chesrow Lodge, defeated the South Side's Lilibeo Lodge team to annex the championship.

A total of 10 teams participated in this year's competition sponsored by the Grand Lodge as part of a series of new activities to encourage membership in the Illinois Order.

Attending the championship matches at the Mages Bowlarenas

were Grand Trustees Dominick M. Alberti, Catherine Bruno and Martin R. Buccieri.

Members of the winning team included Edward Pacilli, captain; Joseph Falcone, Victor Lezza, and Edward and Frank Oliva.

Anthony Rossignuolo was chairman of the South Side League which included four teams representing Lilibeo, Chicago Lawn, Maria S.S. Del Pozzo and St. Nicholas Council Lodges; Victor Lezza was chairman of the North Side League, composed of six teams, three from Donna Chesrow Lodge and three from Paul Longone Lodge.

## George Cicci Installed at Binghamton, N. Y.

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — Officers of Sons of Italy Lodge No. 487, installed by Grand Deputy Ernest Allio and Grand Orator Eleanora Iannone, were George Cicci, venerable; Ugo DePersis, assistant venerable; Peter Canale, orator; Aristide D'Aristotile, recording secretary; Frank Trozzi, financial secretary; Luigi Gaudio, treasurer; Sam Pasquale, Vincent Capozzi, Sante Flacco, Joseph Tiesi Jr., Frank Chilletti, trustees; Dr. Edward D'Orsogna, lodge physician.

## Boston Lodges Hold Joint Installation

BOSTON — Officers of Unione Progresso Lodge No. 208 and Italia Redente Lodge were installed recently at joint ceremonies.

Progresso Lodge officers: Peter Tardo, venerable; Joseph Spagnuolo, assistant venerable; Michael DeFronzo, ex-venerable; Vincent Grande, orator; Michael DeFronzo, recording secretary; Jack Cincotti, financial secretary; Fulvio Giella, treasurer; Ciriaco Olimpio, Nazzaro Zaffarano, Giovanni Calamara, Alfonso Ciamillo and Joseph Scalani, trustees; Ernest Romano and Gaetano Vigorito, masters of ceremony; Clemente Durante, sergeant-at-arms.

Redente Lodge officers: Albina Silvagni, venerable; Anna Orlando, assistant venerable; Carmela D'Arcangelo, ex-venerable; Rose Maggiacomo, orator; Elsa D'ascanio, recording secretary; Frances Marinella, financial secretary; Filomena Dantone, treasurer; Lucy Albanese, Helen Gaeta, Mary Maffeo, Helen Colangelo, Catherine Aiello, trustees; Anna Sachetti and Angelina Cardone, masters of ceremony; Raffaella Albano, sergeant-at-arms.

## Dinner at Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — Members of Golden Jubilee Lodge No. 2044 were hosts to 40 patients of the Veterans Administration Hospital at a dinner held at the Italian Community Home. Grand Deputy Rose Bonacci, Utica, was principal speaker. Mrs. Jennie Samora was chairman, and Mrs. Adeline DelVecchio, venerable, and Mrs. Louise Amato, co-chairmen.